BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 20, 2020 MINUTES

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 PM BY MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS.

ALL STOOD FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE.

PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT READ INTO RECORD BY MUNICPAL CLERK CAPASSO:

"IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4, OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, NOTICE WAS GIVEN TO TWO NEWSPAPERS, AND POSTED, THAT A WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR THE TWENTIETH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020, WITH THE WORK SESSION TO BEGIN AT THE HOUR OF 7:30 P.M. AND THE REGULAR MEETING TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT THE LAKEHURST COMMUNITY CENTER, 207 CENTER STREET, LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, AT WHICH TIME, THE BUSINESS OF THE BOROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED."

ROLL CALL:

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: JOINED AT 7:42 PM VIA PHONE

COUNCILMAN DIMEO: PRESENT

COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT

COUNCILMAN LOWE: PRESENT

COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: PRESENT MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:33 pm

Dona Sinton, 501 Rose Street, asked if the Revitalization money will be paying for the portable bathrooms.

Mayor Robbins responded the portable bathrooms are being funded by the Community Development Block Grant.

Mrs. Sinton question the Tax Collector being the Chief Financial Officer.

Mayor Robbins responded the Tax Collector and the Chief Financial Officer have the same last name but are two different people.

Time closed: 7:34 pm

Councilwoman Hodges stated it has been the intentions of the council to honor the wishes of the Revitalization Committee to have portable bathrooms at Lake Horicon. Mrs. Hodges also stated that although the Revitalization money did not fund the bathrooms, the council saw that the Community Development Block Grant did.

Mrs. Hodges stated she has concerns in regard to Resolution #20-124 adding the council is voting on something that is already in place. Mrs. Hodges also stated we are in a global pandemic and added mail-in voting has to be utilized. Mrs. Hodges went on to say the words "concern about voter fraud and voter disenfranchisement" is casting a suspension on the whole process; therefore, she will be voting no to Resolution #20-124.

Councilman DiMeo stated now that state guidance has increased the gathering inside and added we can safely socially distance in the community center, the council no longer needs to conduct the meetings through Microsoft TEAMS.

Council President Oglesby stated he too has concerns with Resolution #20-124. Mr. Oglesby went on to say by title, "The Right to Vote In-Person" sounds wonderful and is giving the choice but the resolution itself is not giving choice.

Mr. Oglesby reported the Personnel Committee and the Mayor met with Chief Kline to go over the police departments 5-year plan. Mr. Oglesby stated the plan covered what the needs are and what the plans are for the department. Mr. Oglesby also stated the meeting was productive and gave kudos to Chief Kline for looking ahead.

Councilman Davis reported the disease Pear Trees along Union Avenue have been removed. Mr. Davis stated he looks forward to seeing what will replace the trees.

Mayor Robbins reported the owner of the former LaBove Grande will be attending next council meeting to address any concerns the council or the residents may have and what their plans are.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Brian DiMeo Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

To approve minutes of July 16, 2020 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters to be considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

A. RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. #20-113: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
- 2. #20-114: Resolution re: Shared Services Agreement with Holmdel Township for
 - Chief Financial Officer
- 3. #20-115: Resolution re: Appointing John Antonides as Tax Collector
- 4. #20-116: Resolution re: 2020 Salaries for non-contractual employees
- 5. #20-117: Resolution re: Award of Contract for the 2020 NJDOT Orchard Street Road Resurfacing
- 6. #20-118: Resolution re: Award of contract for Portable Bathrooms
- 7. #20-119: Resolution re: Authorizing Emergency Contract for Water Treatment Plant
- 8. #20-120: Resolution re: Approving Shared Services Agreement for Leaf and Vegetative Waste Composting with Ocean County
- 9. #20-121: Resolution re: Authorizing the OCCARES Grant Program Agreement with the County of Ocean.
- 10. #20-122: Resolution re: Acceptance of 2019 Municipal Audit
- 11. #20-123: Resolution re: Authorizing Application to the Local Finance Board
- 12. #20-124: Resolution re: The Right of In-Person Machine Voting for the November 3, 2020 Election

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Brian DiMeo To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Council President Oglesby and Councilwoman Hodges who both voted no to Resolution #20-124.

ORDINANCES NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Gary Lowe To approve on second reading and open the public hearing of Ordinance #2020-04 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK" (#2020-04) Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:46 pm

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:46 pm

Motion by: Robert McCarthy Seconded by: Brian Dugan
To adopt Ordinance #20.04 Poll cell yets held. All yets affirmative

To adopt Ordinance #20-04. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Steven Oglesby To open public hearing on 2020 Municipal Budget. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:47 pm

William Antonides, Chief Financial Officer, reported the budget was introduced at the July 16, 2020 council meeting and the state has given approval to adopt. Mr. Antonides stated the budget is within the appropriations cap adding there is \$702,281 in the bank for future years. Mr. Antonides also stated the budget is within the levy cap adding that gives the borough \$240,117 in the bank for future years. Mr. Antonides further stated the budget introduced has a tax rate of \$1.805 adding that is a \$.025 increase from last year that results in an average increase on a house of \$40 per year.

Mr. Antonides stated one major increase to the budget was the emergency roof repair at the Community Center for \$25,000. Mr. Antonides went on to say the second increase was the tax collection rate that went from 97.48% to 98.14% resulting a decrease in the borough's integral costs on taxes from \$22,405 to \$18,293, a \$4,112 shortfall.

Mr. Antonides reported the borough is saving on municipal court costs adding the borough went from a locally run court to a shared service with Manchester Township. Mr. Antonides stated the borough is saving approximately \$15,000 this year and over the next couple of years will save over \$17,000 due to not having to pay pension cost and health benefits cost.

Time closed: 7:50 pm

Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Brian DiMeo To close public hearing on 2020 Municipal Budget. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

RESOLUTION REGARDING AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET: Motion by: Patricia Hodges Seconded by: James Davis To approve Resolution #20-125 regarding amendment to the 2020 municipal budget. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. ADOPTION OF 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET: Motion by: Steven Oglesby Seconded by: Brian DiMeo To approve Resolution #20-126 adopting 2020 Municipal Budget. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS: MAYOR COMMENTS: **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:** Time opened: _____

CLOSED SESSION:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reads resolution to go into closed session:

RESOLUTION

Time closed: _____

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P. L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, **and**

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lakehurst, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.

The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed is as follows:

PERSONNEL MATTERS CONTRACT NEGOTATIONS

It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by: To approve resolution to go into closed session.	Seconded by:Roll call vote.
Time into closed session:	
Time out of closed session:	
Motion by: To end closed session. Roll call vote.	Seconded by:
RESOLUTION APPROVING AFSCME CONT	RACT:
Motion by: Steven Oglesby To approve Resolution #20-127 approving the A	•
votes affirmative ADJOURNMENT:	
Motion by:	Seconded by:
To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote. Time:	